

**URSUS Directors Meeting
September 26, 2014
Meeting Notes**

Present: Bryce Cundick, Shiva Darbandi, Chris Hepler, James Jackson Sanborn, Leslie Kelly, Linda Lord, Barbara McDade, David Nutty, Joyce Rumery, Kimberly Sebold, Marianne Thibodeau, Ben Treat

PDA - Deborah Rollins presented her findings on options for the URSUS group to work with a vendor to set-up sharing/PDA for e-books. The vendors vary in access options, content, definition of what “triggers” a view and cost. After much consideration the directors decided they would like to pursue JSTORE.

The Directors spent time discussing a funding model. At the Directors retreat we discussed contributing a percentage of each library’s acquisition budget. Deb agreed to work with each library director to get accurate budget numbers and provide the directors with exact cost.

A conversation that will be revisited is the process for funding new initiatives and billing.

In addition, Deb presented a video streaming PDA option – Kanopy. Deb will work with MaineInfoNet staff to set-up a trial.

University College/ UMA Campus Level Agreement – The directors had a chance to ask Ben about the language of the agreement. There was some confusion around who the players were and the role of the community colleges. It was agreed that to invite Bonnie Sparks to an upcoming meeting would be valuable to the group.

“Cross-Campus Collaboration Text” - The text will be added to Dropbox. As the campuses build collaborations among programs, this text will be important for everyone to have access to.

Working Across Libraries - Orono and Machias are working together on ILL. There will be an MOU created to outline the services Orono will be providing to Machias. As each of us identifies staffing needs, we should look to the URSUS libraries for pockets of skill sets that might be shared.

“Strategy Screen” – Joyce described the process of using a “Strategy Screen” to help ensure that identified strategies support the mission of the group. Several members of the committee took part in the use of a “Strategy Screen” and all agreed adopting this process would be beneficial for our work.

Review of URSUS Library Directors’ Goals - The directors took time to review the goals established at the July retreat. The group identified goal leaders and a timeframe to achieve the goals.

MACON - James provided the directors with an update on the MACON project. This project may require the directors to help identify leadership and resources.

Campus Reports

- LAW – New library hours; having to reduce hours and access for the public; staff person is retiring in December
- Presque Isle – Kim thanked everyone for the assistance they have provided as she settles into her new role at UMPI.
- Portland – As USM faces severe budget and staff cuts, David is trying to assess the impact this will have on the resources and services the library provides.
- Orono – Joyce reports that she currently has 3 vacancies and the budget was cut. She's excited about the "Ghost Brothers" gala being held at the library.
- University College – Shivia shared that Blackboard now allows for embedding from the maine.edu domain. Great news for CampusGuides
- Machias – Marianne shared that news about the upcoming NEASC visit and that the campus is moving to natural gas.
- Augusta – The new interim president is Glenn Cummings. Ben is also preparing for NEASC. The computer lab has moved to the library.
- Bangor – The construction has been delayed. Barbara reports that they have a new reference librarian.
- Maine State Library – Linda reported on: ILMS grant; the Maine Digital Summit coming up in November; Cultural Summit; and the Washington County laptop project.
- Farmington – Bryce reports that they have a new coffee bar and there's lots of traffic in the library. Farmington is facing more cuts. He reminded us of the institutional membership option for MLA.
- MaineInfoNet – The slowness that we've seen in URSUS was due to some legacy limits. New libraries to Minerva were: Freeport Community Library, Windham Public Library and Maine College of Art.
- Fort Kent – Enrollment is up - with the primary growth in nursing. The library is seeing lots of traffic. UMFK is also preparing for a NEASC visit.